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TO: All NJVFC and Adult Providers

FROM: New Jersey Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

SUBJECT: 2012 Influenza Vaccine Availability and Ordering

DATE: August 23, 2012

We are pleased to announce the VFC Program has received an initial supply of influenza vaccine and is opening orders today to both adult and pediatric providers. This marks the earliest availability that the Program has been able to offer our providers. As in the past, initial allotments to New Jersey are limited and there is no assurance or date guarantees by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as to when further vaccine will be made available. To that end, we encourage providers to order responsibly and resist the urge to stockpile vaccine as this ultimately leads to waste of these critical assets. As in years past, **ordering tiers do not apply to influenza** and initial orders will be limited to 100 doses per vaccine. Re-ordering will be permitted once either live attenuated influenza vaccine or inactivated vaccine has been reduced to 20% of inventory. Please ensure your orders are clearly typed or entered into IMODS with current levels and requested doses. Influenza vaccine order forms will also be placed on the [New Jersey Immunization Information System](#) (NJIS). Orders will be handled as received and we anticipate processing orders to McKesson within 3 business days.

As the season progresses and additional inventory is made available to the Program, initial apportionments will be re-evaluated and adjusted or eliminated as necessary.

As a reminder, please ensure you are current with the program and have completed your re-enrollment forms. You **must** be an active VFC provider with current temperature logs to receive influenza vaccine. Of equal importance is ensuring you are properly recording administered doses and your inventory is decrementing accordingly so that the Program can continue providing you with not only this season's influenza vaccine, but all your requested immunizations available through the VFC Program.

The VFC program would like to thank you for your participation and cooperation in these vital vaccination efforts. Fax the order form to 609-826-4868. For questions regarding the 2012-2013 influenza ordering process, please contact the VFC Program at (609) 826-4862.